

FRENCH LINER ON FIRE AT SEA PUTS BACK TO HALIFAX

Fourteenth Munition Ship Sailing from America since
March to Develop Mysterious Blaze.

New York, Nov. 8.—The French liner steamship, Rochambeau, two days out of New York for Bordeaux, reported by wireless to-day with fire in her coal bunkers was presumably steaming to-night for Halifax, the nearest port. Her exact position was not given in the single wireless message which brought news of her plight, but it was estimated she would make Halifax some time late to-night or early to-morrow.

Aboard the burning steamer are 421 passengers and a crew of about 230, and a large cargo of war supplies, including 254 cases of cartridges and 136 boxes of cotton.

The fire according to the wireless message sent by Captain Juhum to No. 5 reserve coal bunker deep in the hold amidships. This message said the vessel was in no danger at all.

"We are not alarmed," said Paul Fauret, general agent of the French line. "Bunkers fire are not uncommon, nor are they generally very serious, as they are now from the cargo space. There is every reason to believe that the fire is not serious. If it were, Captain Juhum would undoubtedly have given his position and S. O. S. signals calling for help would have been sent out."

The wireless message reached here about 2:30 p. m. It read as follows: "The Rochambeau left New York Saturday afternoon. It was estimated that she had sailed 600 miles when the wireless message was received to-day. This would still leave her within the ocean line traveled by the big trans-Atlantic liners and there is reason to believe that at least three ships are within close steaming distance available for aid in emergency."

It was estimated to-night that life saving accommodations were aboard for 1,500 persons, more than twice as many as sailed. In addition, the steamer is equipped with the usual fire-fighting apparatus required in the case of ocean liners.

The big cargo which weighed the steamer low in the water as she sailed away consisted chiefly of iron and steel, machinery, canvas and steel wire, brass rods, empty shells and guns. So far as could be learned to-night the cartridges were the only explosives aboard.

There seemed to be some doubt as to whether Captain Juhum would take his vessel into Halifax, although his message said that he was making for that port. Mr. Fauret thought that if the fire were extinguished and the damage slight, the Rochambeau might resume her trip to Bordeaux without touching at Halifax. In this event he expected another message from Captain Juhum.

In the absence of information defining the cause of the fire, maritime circles wondered today if the accident was another of the long list attributed to the activity of bomb carriers and placers. Ship after ship laden with war supplies for the allies has sailed out of New York within the past eight months, with bombs secreted in her hold, and in many cases these bombs have exploded. Within the past few days the steamer Bienville, from New York to Queenstown with sugar caught fire at sea and put into Halifax with fire in her hold. Her captain attributed the fire to a bomb hidden in a sugar bag. Sugar seemed to have been selected frequently for hiding bombs on ships. The Rochambeau, it was said, carried no sugar.

The list of steamers sailing from New York to Europe, upon which bombs were found and in some cases explosions occurred, and their sailing dates, include the following:

Touraine, March 6; Devon City, April 25; Lord Erne, April 25; Crossington Court, April 25; Bannland, May 1; Lord Devonshire, May 1; Kirkwood, May 2; Strathgairn, May 3; Rankade, May 3; Manneha, July 9; Craigsdale, July 24; Athinal, September 8; Sant Anna, September 13.

AFTER DOOLITTLE.

Woman Obtains \$4,000 Verdict against Him—Sued by Another Woman's Husband.

Battleboro, Nov. 8.—Merton A. Doolittle, a resident of New York, was found by a jury of 12 men to be liable for the death of a woman, Mrs. Ethel E. Cutler, of Keene, N. H., who died of a heart attack. The jury awarded her estate a verdict of \$4,000 in compensation for services but failed to get anything for breach of promise. Mrs. Cutler was married to M. Lynde of Guilford for \$10,000 for alleviation of the afflictions of his wife, Harriet Lynde. Mrs. Lynde became housekeeper for Doolittle after Mrs. Cutler left him.

FIRST RIDE HIS LAST.

St. Johnsbury Man on Way Home in New Auto Killed in Collision.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 8.—William Dow aged 63, a dealer in farm implements, died at Brightlook hospital early this morning from the effects of injuries received at East Ryegate Saturday night. Mr. Dow was on his way home from Boston in an automobile just purchased which was driven by Howard Harris of this place. At the crossing below East Ryegate station, the northbound New York express struck the auto, throwing it about 40 feet. Both men were picked up unconscious and Mr. Dow was brought to the hospital. It was first thought his condition was not dangerous as there were no fractures or internal injuries but he was unable to recover from the shock and death ensued from heart failure. Mr. Dow was a native of Waterford and a widower. The burial will be at Passumpsit, where Mr. Dow owned a farm for over 25 years until coming to St. Johnsbury about five years ago.

CHARGE TRAPPING TROUT.

Summer Home Owner in Chittenden Accused of Violating Fish Law.

Rutland, Nov. 8.—A warrant has been issued by State's Attorney C. V. Poulin against G. Tracy Rogers, former president of the Rutland Railway Light & Power company, at present a director in the company and also president of the Binghamton Traction company of Binghamton, N. Y. He has been notified to appear in city court Tuesday morning to answer to a charge of having in his possession, installing and using in taking fish an illegal device.

State's Attorney Poulin received a telephone from State Warden Titcomb saying that complaints had been made to him concerning a trap used in catching trout. County Fish and Game Warden Hayward and Deputy James Picardello went to Chittenden and there, it is claimed, they found a trap, which permitted trout to go up-stream, but beyond a certain point they were unable to return.

Mr. Rogers has a summer home in Chittenden on the banks of Leffert's pond and the improvements include fish and game preserves. The State will claim that Mr. Rogers took the fish from the trap and placed them in a private preserve.

MANSLAUGHTER CASES.

Auto Accident Fatalities Result in Trial of Two.

Montpelier, Nov. 8.—The case of State vs. Raffaele Mastriani, charged with impeding an officer in Northfield last May, was given the jury in Washington county court just before four o'clock this afternoon and following the disposal of the case adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, when the jury will be drawn to hear the case of State vs. J. P. Rabblon of Northfield, manslaughter. This is the first of two manslaughter cases to be tried at this term, both growing out of automobile accidents, but being different inasmuch as C. Ned French of Stowe was struck and killed by the Rabblon car, it is alleged, while walking on the highway, and in the other case, State vs. Cross, also of Northfield, an occupant of the car met death.

Attorney-General H. G. Barber of Brattleboro will assist State's Attorney Gleason in the prosecution, and the respondent has several attorneys. He was indicted by the grand jury.

DEATH OF LOUIS WOOD.

Was Native and Life-Long Resident of Montpelier—G. A. R. Veteran.

Montpelier, Nov. 8.—Louis Wood, a native and life-long resident of Montpelier, died this afternoon at Heaton hospital after nearly a year's illness. The deceased was one of the best known men in the city and was a popular member of the police force until about 10 years ago, when he retired.

The deceased was born in this city September, 1838, the son of Joseph and Mary Wood, his father being the first man of French descent to settle here.

He learned the trade of blacksmith early in life and worked for many years at his trade in the Lane Manufacturing plant. At the outbreak of the war he was employed at Manchester, N. H., and enlisted in Company E, Second New Hampshire volunteers, and served until the end of the war, being in 23 battles. He retired as second lieutenant. He married Josephine Lamery, who died 16 years ago. He leaves three sisters, Emma, Mrs. J. H. Johnson; Mrs. Clara Smith and Miss Josephine Wood of this city. A brother, Joseph, is deceased, and there is one son, Louis N. Wood of Montpelier.

COUNTY WARDENS.

List for Rutland County under Fish and Game Laws.

Rutland, Nov. 8.—County Game Warden P. W. Hayward of this city to-day appointed deputy wardens from the various towns in this county and also special inspectors to serve during the deer hunting season, November 15 to December 5, as follows:

Henson, Charles T. Goodrich; Brandon, H. G. Bishop; A. H. Churchill; Castleton, Carl A. Bacon; Chittenden, Norman Collins; Clarendon, J. H. Davis; C. Seaman; Danby, Jesse D. Nichols; Fair Haven, George Kinkaid; Hubbardston, D. A. Giddings; E. E. St. John; Ira, Oscar Y. Gilmore; Mendon, H. E. Dutton; Middlebury Springs, Charles A. Powers; Mount Holly, Levi T. Fletcher; Pawlet, George Black; Howard J. Leitch; H. L. Warner; F. J. Loveland; Pittsford, H. G. Ranney; Pittsford, H. L. Allen; George Dolan; Poultney, D. L. Rowe; Proctor, N. P. Lada-Bouché; Rutland, James Pitaniello, John D. Wetmore, E. D. Wilkie; Sherburne, J. E. Davis; Shrewsbury, Charles A. Aldrich; Julian T. Shilence; T. Parsons; Sudbury, Horbert E. Bucking; Timmuth, A. E. Mattoon; Wallingford, R. W. Hopkins; George W. Kelley; Charles Kent; Wells, John R. Durkin; Gay Woods; West Haven, H. P. Sheldon; West Rutland, Dr. C. B. Ross.

ADMIRAL ASSASSINATED.

Tseng Ju Ching of Chinese Navy Shot Down at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Nov. 10.—Admiral Tseng Ju Ching, governor of the Shanghai district, was assassinated to-day by his secretary, who was with him at the time, was seriously wounded. Tseng Ju Ching, who was a member of the monarchist party, was his private secretary, was mortally wounded by a Japanese consular guard attending the coronation reception, when at the Garden bridge two revolutionaries fired 18 shots at them from automatic pistols. Tseng Ju Ching was immediately taken to a hospital, but died shortly afterwards.

Tseng Ju Ching was former commander of the Chinese navy and during the revolution in 1913 was active against the revolution.

An unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the admiral by means of a bomb was made last August.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL GAMES.

At Centennial field—University of Vermont 21, New Hampshire State College 7.

At Princeton—Harvard 19, Princeton 6.

At New Haven—Brown 3, Yale 6.

At Ann Arbor—Cornell 34, University of Michigan 7.

At Boston—Dartmouth 7, Pennsylvania 14.

New York—New York University 7, Stevens 6.

At New York—Columbia 17, Connecticut Argies 6.

At Syracuse—Syracuse 73, Mount Union 6.

At Pittsburg—University of Pittsburg 15, Washington and Jefferson 9.

At Easton, Penn.—Lafayette 17, Swarthmore 6.

At Annapolis—Navy 13, Bucknell 3.

At West Point—Notre Dame 7, Army 6.

At Springfield—Springfield Y. M. C. A. College 20, Amherst 7.

At Amherst—Massachusetts Agricultural College 25, Middlebury 6.

At Lewiston—Colby 28, Bates 6.

At Brunswick, Me.—Maine 23, Bowdoin 13.

At Hartford—Yale 6, Trinity 6.

At Charlottesville, Va.—Virginia 25, Vanderbilt 10.

At Newton, Mass.—Boston College 3, Fordham University 6.

At Worcester—Carleton Indians 23, Holy Cross 6.

At Middletown, Conn.—Wesleyan 41, Williams 6.

E. J. BOOTH, President.

JOHN J. FLYNN, Vice-President.

ASSETS, \$2,118,396.06.

Remarkable Growth of Burlington's Popular Financial Institution.

Nine years ago this Bank started with assets of \$50,000. To-day the amount is \$2,118,396.06—over forty times as large, and the gain was made in a steady, persistent way. Our depositors will tell you the reason.—Chittenden County Trust Co., Burlington, Vt.

E. D. WORTHEN, Treas.

HARRIE V. HALL, Asst. Treas.

ENGLISH PUBLIC CONCERNED OVER BIG WAR EXPENSE

London, Nov. 10.—The serious financial situation will be the subject of debate in both houses of Parliament to-day. According to the Daily Telegraph, Premier Asquith will ask for an increased vote of credit of \$60,000,000 pounds (\$1,500,000,000) or \$60,000,000 pounds (\$1,500,000,000) and will make an important speech dealing comprehensively with the financial aspects of the war, while in the House of Lords several prominent members are expected to support a motion by Viscount Peel, inviting the government to exercise a more effective supervision over naval and military expenditures.

The constantly increasing war expenditure, which is now nearing 6,000,000 pounds (\$30,000,000) daily, is beginning to create anxiety in the public mind.

TO SUSPEND SERVICE.

Stock Quotations from Chicago to New York to Be Discontinued.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Quotation service from the Chicago Board of Trade to the Consolidated Stock Exchange of New York will be discontinued to-morrow. It was decided by the board to-day, to protect its property right in its quotations.

An investigation which has just concluded had caused the directors of the board to criticize the uses to which quotations had been put by the Consolidated Exchange, according to Joseph P. Griffin, vice-president of the Chicago board. He declined to specify in what respects the arrangement with the Consolidated Exchange had been unsatisfactory, but explained that the Supreme Court of the United States had held that the quotations were the property of the board and their distribution could be arranged or restricted at the pleasure of the organization.

WOMAN'S TONGUE.

Mrs. Gasser-1 was outspoken in her sentiments at the club this afternoon. Mr. Gasser-1 can't believe it. Who outspoke you, my dear?—Puck.

VERMONT NOTES

Donald Race of Manchester Depot, Aged 15, Accidentally Shot in Chest—Was Examining Revolver.

Donald Race, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Race of Manchester Depot, is in the Rutland hospital with a bullet in his chest, the result of careless handling of a revolver Saturday morning. The boy and a schoolmate, Harold Harrington, were looking over a 32-caliber revolver, when in some manner it was discharged. Young Race was able, with assistance, to walk to his home. He is said to be doing well at the hospital and his recovery is expected.

DIRECT PRIMARY ACT.

The conservative attitude of the voters of the country shown by the rejection of woman suffrage amendments and the proposed New York constitution, says the Springfield Republican's special correspondent from Montpelier, leads some people to believe that Vermont will reject the proposed direct primary act to be submitted to a referendum vote at the March elections.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS CASE.

Minnie, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knox of Groton, is ill with infantile paralysis, both legs being paralyzed. It is expected that she will recover.

EX-GOVERNOR J. W. STEWART.

Ex-Governor John W. Stewart of Middlebury, whose death occurred October 29, was a delegate to the republican convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for the presidency in 1860. He is survived by one Vermont colleague to that convention, Col. E. B. Sawyer of Hyde Park.

FAIR HAVEN MAN BANKRUPT.

Herman Mayer of Fair Haven, a fruit dealer, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$1,515.61 and assets of \$735.

MAN HURT IN FIGHT.

Charged with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill, Thomas Maki of Barre has been held in jail of \$500 to await a hearing next Monday morning. He is alleged to have inflicted serious cuts on Frank Finnegan of lower Grantville on Sunday morning. The exact nature of the trouble is said to be known.

RUTLAND RAILROAD REVENUES.

The operating revenue of the Rutland railroad for September amounted at \$41,041.2, an increase of \$3,027.25 as compared with September, 1914. The operating expenses were \$26,551.91, a decrease of \$2,555.34. The net operating revenue was \$14,489.31, an increase of \$5,721.61. For the nine months ending September 30 the operating income was \$137,821.18.

ORCHARD OF 3,000 TREES.

It is said that the three largest New England orchards are in Vermont, the largest being that of Mr. Everett of Bennington, who has 35,000 trees.

MADE \$60 BY PLAY.

The Players' club of Rutland made \$60 by their presentation of A. E. W. Mason's "Green Stockings," which was produced at the Playhouse in Rutland for the benefit of the Rutland University association. Mary Antin and Alfred Noyes are to appear in Rutland this winter under the auspices of the University association.

VILLA ABANDONS THE OFFENSIVE FOR TIME BEING

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 7.—General Francisco Villa accompanied by the larger part of his artillery and cavalry, arrived to-day at Naco, Sonora, 35 miles west of Agua Prieta, from which town he was beaten back. His retirement to Naco is taken in Mexican circles here to mean that Villa has abandoned the offensive for the time being.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Carranza's chief military commander, remained in Agua Prieta to-day, planning with General Calles, commander of the garrison, his future moves against Villa. Obregon's plans have not been made known, but border residents here are settling down with little expectation of another border clash for a month or six weeks. Maj.-Gen. Frederick Funston, in command of the United States troops on the border, left to-day for Naco.

ALBANIANS READY.

Reported 60,000 Are Prepared to Attack Serbians in the Near.

London, Nov. 10, 3:30 a. m.—A Bucharest despatch by way of Geneva says that 60,000 Albanians are preparing to attack the Serbians in the near at Monastir and Pristina.

EXPOSED TO TEMPTATION.

"I hope you will be happy, Mary," said the mistress to her maid, who was leaving to get married. "Thank you, ma'am. My young man is a very steady, considering his environment." "What does he do for a living?" "He's valet to a young millionaire, ma'am."—Philadelphia Ledger.

OUT FOR THE CASH.

Edith—So you are going to marry that rude old Mr. Roxleigh. I don't see how you can stand his ways. Marie—I can stand his ways, my dear, by remembering about his means.—Boston Transcript.

Royalties Is Sued for \$15,000 by Maude Rummels, Administratrix of Estate of Fred W. Rummels.

Deputy United States Marshal George F. Lackey has served a writ on the town of Royton in a suit for \$15,000 brought in United States district court by Maude Rummels of Springfield, Mass., administratrix of the estate of Fred W. Rummels. The suit is returnable at district court at Brattleboro on the third Tuesday in December. Mr. Rummels, who was running an automobile, was instantly killed when the bridge he was crossing broke down, throwing him and the machine into the bed of the stream. The accident happened November 6, 1914, near the farm known as the Frank Spaulding place and the George Slack place. The suit is brought to recover damages for the accident. Negligence on the part of the town is alleged, it being claimed that the bridge was unsafe.

GREEN MOUNTAIN BOY STATUE.

The bronze statue of the "Green Mountain Boy," to be placed in Main street park in Rutland by the Daughters of the American Revolution, will be dedicated Friday, November 19. The statue is eight feet high and is the original conception of the sculptor, Raymond Averill Porter of Boston. President John M. Thomas of Middlebury College will speak at the unveiling and dedication. The founders for the statue are the gift of Col. H. E. Dyer in honor of his mother's memory, Mrs. Jane A. Dyer.

FARM BUILDINGS BURN.

Fire that is thought to have originated in a defective chimney destroyed early Monday morning the home of Gardner Kenerson, a few miles from St. Johnsbury. The blaze was discovered at three o'clock and when neighbors arrived an hour later the house and contents and barn were destroyed. The house was valued at \$2,000, being partially covered by insurance. Mr. Kenerson and his sister occupied the house.

SMALLPOX AT STATE PRISON.

A quarantine to last 14 days has been placed on the State prison at Windsor because Mrs. Ida Carls, committed to the prison October 27, was found to be ill with smallpox. As a precaution against the spread of the disease the rest of the women inmates have, as well as the warden, been given the vaccination treatment.

IN AUTHORS' LEAGUE.

Prof. Arthur W. Pease, head of the English department at Norwich University, has been elected to full membership in the Authors' League of America, Inc. For several years Professor Pease's writings have appeared in many of the well known magazines.

FAIRM AGENCY IN CHARGE OF NEW MAN.

Stephen L. Billings, for six years employed as local manager of the E. A. Strout Farm agency at Randolph, comes to Essex Junction to take charge of the branch office of the Strout Farm agency. Mr. Billings has had a very wide experience in handling country property. He is a man who is well and favorably known in Randolph as well as in Sharon, where he was born and grew to manhood. He is a brother of Fred O. Billings, a representative of the Strout Farm agency at Sharon, who was recently elected from his town in the last Legislature.

VALUE OF CROPS IS FIVE AND ONE HALF BILLIONS

Unprecedented Harvests and
Prices the Outgrowth of
European War Boom
U. S. Agriculture.

Washington, Nov. 8.—The nation's principal farm crops this year are worth about five and a half billion dollars, exceeding by more than a half billion their value in 1914, the previous banner value year in the country's crop history. There has been an unprecedented harvest, many of the crops exceeding their best records, and high prices due to the influence of the European war have contributed to swell the total value.

Statistics announced to-day by the department of agriculture in its November crop report base values on prevailing November prices. Corn, with a production of 3,669,569,000 bushels—\$1,900,000 bushels below the record crop year of 1914, \$25,025,711, the most valuable crop ever grown. Exceeds the former biggest value crop, that of 1914, by \$20,000,000.

Wheat, with the largest production ever known in any country, 1,021,029,000 bushels, or about one-fourth of the world's wheat crop this year, is worth \$22,888,569 or \$2,000,000 more than the record made in 1914.

The oats crop also was a record one both in point of production and value. The harvest was 1,517,478,000 bushels, almost 100,000,000 bushels better than the record of 1912, and its value \$32,399,822, is \$3,000,000 more than the record value of the 1914 crop.

Barley, rye, sweet potatoes, hay and rice were record crops in point of production and tobacco almost equaled its best production. The rice and hay crops were records in point of value.

The approximate value of the barley crop is \$18,577,882; the rice crop, \$5,911,181; buckwheat, \$2,547,750; potatoes, \$25,325,321; sweet potatoes, \$2,443,569; hay, \$77,764,890; cotton, \$29,000,000; tobacco, \$16,622,500; flaxseed, \$3,550,531; peas, \$2,313,591; apples, \$161,380,480; peaches, \$6,612,726; and pears, \$2,275,021.

In this year's harvest the corn crop passed three billion bushels mark for the first time, and the wheat crop crossed the one billion bushel mark for the first time. Potato prospects declined 3,000,000 bushels during October, the crop now being placed at 22,253,000 bushels. That is 60,000,000 less than last year's crop and the prospective moderate supply for winter use is reflected in the sharp advance in farm price from 47 cents a bushel on October 1 to 68 cents on November 1. The November 1 price is eight cents higher than a year ago. The crop is shortest in the northern States, which grow the surplus of the late crop. The quality, too, is below the average.

Estimates of production of the principal crops were announced to-day by the department of agriculture as follows:

Corn, 3,669,569,000 bushels; buckwheat, 16,250,000 bushels; potatoes, 359,252,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, 66,650,000 bushels; tobacco, 1,050,025,000 pounds; flaxseed, 18,416,000 bushels; peas, 11,216,000 bushels; apples, 2,470,000 bushels; sugar beets, 6,158,000 bushels. Other details of the crops are:

Corn—Stocks of old corn on farms November 1 estimated at \$4,000,000 bushels, compared with 500,000,000 bushels a year ago and 104,407,000 bushels, the average of the preceding five years.

WEIGHT PER MEASURED BUSHEL.

Wheat: 57.9 pounds, against 58.9 last year, and 58.2, the ten-year average.

Oats: 32 pounds, against 31.5 last year, and 31.7, the ten-year average.

Barley: 47.4 pounds, against 46.2 last year and 46.5, the five-year average.

A comparison of the acre yield of 1915 crops and the 10-year-average yield follows:

Crop	1915	10-year
Corn	34.8	26.6
Wheat	16.9	14.8
Oats	37.8	26.6
Barley	32.0	25.1
Rye	37.0	16.4
Buckwheat	20.4	19.9
Potatoes	66.3	66.5
Sweet potatoes	104.0	92.1
Hay (tons)	1.50	1.40
Hay, wild (tons)	1.30	1.30
Cotton (bales)	168.1	187.7
Tobacco (bales)	757.3	826.5
Flaxseed	9.8	8.8
Sugar beets (tons)	32.2	32.3
Rice	10.2	10.1

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

(Taken from Exchanges.)